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Governor's Bill No. 16, An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch regarding **Governor's Bill No. 16, An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime**.

Section 30 of the bill requires that "records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency proceedings, including arrest records, in the past ninety days shall be available via direct electronic means to state and municipal law enforcement officials conducting criminal investigations." The Judicial Branch has been in contact with the proponents of this bill to discuss implementation concerns with this section. The biggest concern is that the Judicial Branch does not currently have direct electronic means of sharing juvenile records with state or municipal officials and creating such a program will take a great deal of time and resources. Additionally, "the past ninety days" would need to be defined. Does this mean arrest date, file date, date of probation involvement or some other date? Finally, the specific records that are to be available to law enforcement officials would need to be identified and a determination would need to be made if paper records would need to be digitized.

We plan to continue our discussions with the proponents. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.